



**FRIENDS of FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
NEWSLETTER**

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See Franklin Public Library's "Check It Out" May-June, 2006

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**GET MOVING!**

**Join us at the ACTIVE WOMEN HEALTH SERIES**

The Friends of the Franklin  
Public Library are collaborating  
with

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare  
and the Franklin Health  
Department to offer eight  
exciting and FREE presentations  
pertaining to active women's  
health.

Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 –

8:00 Fitness Walking

Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>  
10:30-12:00 Women

and Bone Health

Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
10:30-12:00 How to

Exercise at Home

Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:00 Meditation for  
Busy People in a Busy World

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00-12:30 Cooking

From Your Summer Garden

October TBA

November TBA

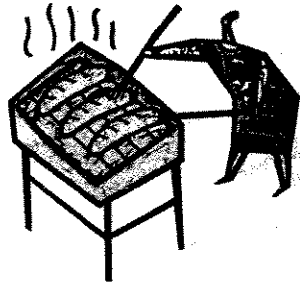
Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

6:00-8:30 Free Chair

Massages, Low-Cal Desserts

Motivational Speaker and  
Quilt Raffle

Many of these programs will  
have a strong component of  
Networking To  
Walk and will encourage use of  
the many walking paths in  
Franklin. Be sure to plan to  
join us on Tuesday evening, May  
9<sup>th</sup>, or at any program to learn  
more.



### **Upcoming Cooking Programs**

**Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Basil Bonanza with Staci Joers**  
Sponsored by Aurora Health Care---- **FILLED—DO NOT**  
Call about May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm Basil Bonanza with Staci Joers**  
Sponsored by KS Remodelers

**Cost: \$10.** The cost of this class is reduced because of KS Remodelers' sponsorship. A free basil plant will be offered from Luxembourg Gardens.

Join Staci to sample Tomato Brushetta, Fresh Tomato and Basil Soup, Pasta al Pesto with Cream, Green Beans and Potatoes, Lemon Basil Chicken and Basil Risotto.

**HURRY TO SIGN UP FOR THE TUESDAY, MAY 30TH CLASS!**

The first class was filled in **ONE DAY.**

**GRILLING: MENU #1 with Staci Joers**

**Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm** Cost: \$20 In Lion's Legend Park

Join Staci for Brined Bone-in Thick Cut Pork Chops, Honey Lime Vegetable Medley, and Grilled Roasted New Potatoes along with Beer Basted Burgers, with Beer-Braised Onions and Grilled Pizza.

**GRILLING: MENU #2 with Staci Joers**

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm** Cost: \$20. In Lion's Legend Park

Join Staci for Cedar Plank Smoked Turkey Breast, Grilled and Stuffed

Flank Steak, Rosemary Skewered Scallops, Marinated Asparagus, and Smoked Cabbage.

Call the Franklin Public Library at 425-8214 or stop in to register. Checks may be made out to The Friends of the Franklin Public Library, and sent to The Friends of the Franklin Public Library, 9151 West Loomis Road, Franklin, WI 53132 **ATTN: Judy Roberts**

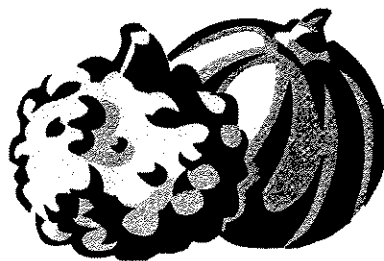
## **WE NEED YOUR USED BOOKS!**

The Friends of the Library will be enlarging the **BOOK NOOK** area to be able to offer more used books to library patrons. Sale of used books provides a large part of our monetary support for library programs and library materials. Used books are also sold on the Internet by our library volunteers. The Internet sales area has been expanded in the Friends' office. Please bring your used books, and please tell your friends, neighbors and relatives to bring their used books to the Franklin Public Library. The books may be brought to the check-out desk at the front of the library. If needed, a library staff member will give the donor a donation form that may be used at tax time.

### **Planning Ahead for This Fall**

We have been asked to do "The Great Gourd Giveaway" again!!! Volunteers will be needed in September to pick gourds in a Franklin farm field. Help would also be needed at a children's program on a Saturday or Sunday in September or

October, which will feature the gourds. The library received a phone call from a Franklin resident who requested a repeat of the gourd program. He also volunteered to grow the gourds. Secondly, a parent from last year's program has volunteered to help so that the program can continue. So—Friends of the Library, the community is coming to us with programs they are willing to help us with!!! We need to respond to this citizen effort by taking some time to help out!! Please call Judy Roberts at 421-8983 or e-mail at [jaroberts@wi.rr.com](mailto:jaroberts@wi.rr.com) to help out. Let's not disappoint our community members!



## **A Letter from the Editor**

**If the name Janet Porte is new to you, that's because I am the new editor. Actually, I'm also new to the Friends (this fall), new to retirement (18 months), and fairly new to Franklin. Let me introduce myself.**

**How did I get here?**

**I moved to Franklin on July 1, 2000, and the city threw a party practically in my backyard two days later. They have continued to do so every year on my anniversary. About two years later, the city of Franklin began building our beautiful library just down the street from me. Is it any wonder that I love this town!**

**Why did I join the Friends?**

**I joined because I'm a library person, after 34 years as a school media specialist in Greenfield**

**What do I like to read?**

**I read anything from trashy novels to nonfiction.**

**What would I like to see the Friends help the library staff do?**

**Encourage the young reader, especially after the dreaded 3<sup>rd</sup> grade drop-off. Young people can't vote or contribute, but someday, hopefully, they will!**

**Now, it's your turn to introduce yourself. E-mail or write to me, let us know who our Friends are, and what interests all of you.**

## **A Bit of History The Friends of the Franklin Public Library**

**by Marjorie Pagel**

**This summer the Franklin Historical Society will publish a history of Franklin's first 50 years. The Friends of the Franklin Library will be included in those pages. An excerpt appears below.**

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**Even before there was a library in the City of Franklin, a group identifying themselves as "Friends of the Franklin Library" rallied support among residents and lobbied local officials to build a municipal library. Until that time, Franklin citizens used Milwaukee County bookmobile services or borrowed from other**

area libraries at city expense. Leading the effort for a library was the Franklin Woman's Club; this group collected books, raised funds and held story hours for children in local schools.

Yvonne Starzyk, a 25-year volunteer at the Franklin Library, was a Woman's Club member in 1980. She remembers helping children and adults register for their first library cards in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road. This was the temporary home of the Franklin Library when the first Library Coordinator, Bernard ("Bernie") Bellin was hired. The following year (1981) the library collection was moved from the cramped quarters of the Hearing Room to a larger facility in City Hall.

Once settled in the new library, Bellin met with a group of people interested in forming a new Friends group. At the first organizational meeting the following officers were elected: Marge Rollay, President; Penny Woodcock, Vice President; Karen Lewis, Secretary; and Sharon Pyne, Treasurer.

From its inception the Friends sponsored programs for children

and adults, gave recognition to library staff and volunteers, held fundraisers, and provided other volunteer support as needed. Scrapbooks from those early days show events for children, including Christmas stockings, pumpkin decorating and a kite-making session, as well as programs for adults: wreath-making craft sessions, appearances by local authors, travelogues, a poetry reading session, a style show of vintage clothing, and a program on the history of lace. At least two craft fairs were sponsored by Friends, featuring local artists and open to the public.

A major fundraising event, directed by Judy and Ray Roberts, was the sale of pumpkins, dried flowers and fall wreaths, which was held for several years at the St. Martins Labor Day Fair. The success of early book sales, held outside City Hall, evolved into an annual event, now the weekend following Labor Day. Terrence Berres provided major support for that event, with help from other Friends.

From the start, the 1981 site of the Franklin Library was considered "temporary"; the Friends joined the citywide efforts for library expansion.

**The current location at the corner of Drexel and Loomis (9151 W. Loomis Rd.) was designated the future site of the Franklin Public Library by the Franklin Common Council in 1993. Architectural drawings were designed in 1996, and a Capital Fundraising Campaign Strategy was adopted by the Library Board in 1997. A public referendum in April 2000 supported plans to move forward with library building plans. To support fundraising efforts for the new library the Friends sponsored the raffle of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle (in 1999 and again in 2000.) The Friends also sponsored "Book-a-Brick" whereby donors -- individuals, families, service clubs, and businesses -- could have their names engraved on a brick outside the entrance to the new library. The Friends also supported the dedication ceremonies and open house on May 5, 2002.**

**The Friends have provided continuous support to library staff. The current Library Director, Barbara Roark, was hired in 1998. She was instrumental in making the transition from the library's location in City Hall to its new location.**

**In 2006 there are over 150 Friends members. Current President Judy Roberts has been an active Friends member since 1983 and, since the move to our new library, she has energetically promoted a Friends liaison to the group. Terrence Berres, Past President for former chair of the annual book sale, now serves on the Library Foundation Board and is Friends liaison to the group. Karen Grochowski has gained wide recognition with the "Books for Soldiers" project, sending books and providing other support for American soldiers in Iraq. Other Friends serving on the board include: Karen Brehm - Treasurer; Julia Kurlinski - Membership; Don Dorsan - Vice President, Programs; Shirley Koehler- Membership and Auction (Internet a book sales); Rita Bruders - Auction; Diane Oleson - Book Nook and Annual Book Sales; Barb Gawronski - Book Nook sales; Sharon Holden - Special Programs and Member at Large; Anita Nickerson - Past Secretary and Member at Large; Marjorie Pagel - Secretary; Jane Godfroy - Senior Citizens liaison and Secretary-Elect; Janet Porte - Newsletter.**